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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) Insecticidal composition comprising:

(i) an active principle being a component with insecticidal activity belonging to the pyrethroid class and/or a component with insect growth regulator activity

(ii) a component able to synergistically enhance the activity of the active principle,

5 said composition being obtainable by subjecting both components (i) and (ii) to simultaneous complexing with cyclodextrin.

2. (Currently Amended) Composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cyclodextrin is selected from the group consisting of [chosen from] α , β , γ cyclodextrin, HP- β -cyclodextrin and SBE- β -cyclodextrin.

10 3. (Currently Amended) Composition as claimed in claim[s] 1[-2], wherein the quantity of insecticide relative to cyclodextrin is between 5% and 40% (weight/weight).

4. (Currently Amended) Composition as claimed in claim[s] 1[-3], wherein the quantity of growth regulator relative to cyclodextrin is between 0.01% and 5% (weight/weight).

15 5. (Currently Amended) Composition as claimed in claim[s] 1[-3], wherein the component (ii) [compound able to synergistically enhance the activity of the active principle] is [chosen from] selected from the group consisting of piperonyl butoxide and sesamol.

6. (Currently Amended) Composition as claimed in claim[s] 1[-4], wherein the 20 quantity of component (ii) [synergistic compound] relative to cyclodextrin is between 10 and 100% (weight/ weight).

7. (Currently Amended) Composition as claimed in claim[s] 1[-5], wherein the quantity of insecticide relative to the component (ii) [synergistic compound] is between 5% and 50% (weight/weight).

8. (Currently Amended) Composition as claimed in claim[s] 1[-6], further comprising emulsifiers, UV stabilisers, antioxidants and other additives in a quantity between 0 and 30% (weight/weight).

9. (Currently Amended) Composition as claimed in claim[s] 1[-7], formulated for use in solid form or as a solid/oil composition, possibly dissolved/emulsified in water or in aqueous solutions of water miscible solvents.

10. 10. (Currently Amended) Process for preparing compositions described in claim[s] 1[-9], characterised by simultaneously complexing the component (ii) [synergistic compound] and the insecticide and/or growth regulator in cyclodextrin.

11. (Currently Amended) Process as claimed in claim 10, comprising the following steps [passages]:

15 (a) preparing a solution or suspension of the component (ii) [synergistic compound] and the insecticide and/or growth regulator in a suitable solvent;
(b) preparing a solution of cyclodextrin in water or in aqueous mixtures of water-miscible organic solvents;
(c) adding the solution/suspension obtained in (a) to the solution obtained in (b).

20 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (New) A method to eliminate household insects, or an insecticide method in agriculture, which comprises applying to a surface to be treated, a composition according to claim 1.

15. (New) A veterinary insecticide method which comprises applying to an animal in need thereof, a composition according to claim 1.